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1. GAO/WASHINGTON HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT AFTER CAREFULLY CONSIDERING POINTS RAISED BY GOI AUTHORITIES FAVORING A POSTPONEMENT OF SUBJECT REVIEW, IT WISHES TO PROCEED WITH FIELD WORK AS SCHEDULED BECAUSE:

A. GAO SUPERVISORY AUDITOR, WILLIAM KEPPLER, IS EN ROUTE TO BANGKOK TO COORDINATE FIELD WORK ASSIGNMENTS WITH GAO/BANGKOK SUPPORTING STAFF DETAILED TO THIS PROJECT; LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- B. A POSTPONEMENT AT THIS JUNCTURE WOULD DISRUPT LONG-SCHEDULED PROJECTS AND CAUSE STAFFING AND RELATED LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS;
- C. THE GAO IS WILLING TO ACCEPT FACT THAT SOME SELECTED OFFICIALS MAY NOT BE PRESENT FOR INTERVIEWS BUT HOPES

USEFUL MEETINGS CAN BE ARRANGED WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE DEPUTIES;

- D. GAO TEAM WILL COMPLETE FIELD WORK BY AUGUST 4, BEFORE START OF MUSLIM HOLIDAYS; AND E. BANGKOK STAFF WILL BE AVAILABLE TO RETURN IN
- E. BANGKOK STAFF WILL BE AVAILABLE TO RETURN IN SEPTEMBER TO OBTAIN 5-YEAR PLAN AND OTHER PERTINENT DATA FOR INCORPORATION INTO FINAL REPORT.
- 2. DEPARTMENT CERTIFIES THAT MESSRS. WILLIAM KEPPLER AND JAMES KURIHARA HAVE CURRENT TOP SECRET SECURITY CLEARANCES.
- 3. ASSUME GAO BANGKOK WILL PROVIDE NAMES OF ITS SUPPORTING STAFF, TRAVEL PLANS, HOTEL REQUIREMENTS AND SECURITY CLEARANCES.
- 4. JAMES KURIHARA ARRIVES JAKARTA JULY 30. VANCE

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